CAGELS MILL STATE PARK

CAGLES MILL STATE FOREST AND CATARACT LAKE

Cloverdale, Indiana

The Cagles Mill Forest Recreation area of 948 acres is a part of the Owen-Putnam Forest Purchase Unit of the Forestry Division of the Indiana Department of Conservation. Cataract Lake is a flood control reservoir formed by a dam constructed and controlled by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Louisville District. The lake area and surrounding flood plain, 7300 acres, are leased by the Department of the Army to the Forestry Division on a long-term license for administration as a recreational project.

The facilities furnished the general public by the State are supplemented by beaches, roads and docks constructed by clubs and adjacent landowners under paid permits from the Forestry Division and subject to rules and regulations of that Division and the Army Engineers. These bonded, insured, non-commercial permit installations are privately financed, and greatly extend the circle of use for the area.

Cataract Lake covers 1400 acres, with a shoreline of 37 miles. If filled to capacity it would be 4840 acres. The dam is 950 feet long, with a maximum base width of 630 feet. The outlet is a concrete lined tunnel 496 feet long. The discharge capacity is 7200 cu. ft. per sec. The spillway cut, one quarter mile south of the dam, is 1600 feet long and 300 feet wide. Its discharge capacity is 76,000 cu. ft. per sec. The lake can rise 68 feet above normal before water goes over the spillway. The drainage area is 188,800 acres.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

SUMMARY OF MOST IMPORTANT RULES AND REGULATIONS

(For copy of complete Rules, and Motor Boat Law, see Forest Superintendent)

1. Permits (free) are required for putting privately owned boats on lake. See Dockmaster if on duty; otherwise see Forest Superintendent.

2. No fires shall be built except in places provided by the State for such purpose, and so designated. Fires shall be entirely extinguished immediately after use. Matches, cigarettes, and all articles afire must be thoroughly extinguished before being thrown away.

3. There shall be no camping, as yet, at any time or any place on state or federal areas, including entire shoreline of lake.

4. Speed Limits: Autos: 25 MPH on straight level roads; 15 MPH on curves, hills. Boats: 15 MPH except in designated 5 mile zones or within 50 feet of other craft.

5. Unsafe boats will not be permitted on reservoir, and all boats shall be equipped in accordance with State law and subject to inspection by State officials. Life Preserver required for each person in boat.

6. Boats shall not be launched, docked, moored or beached except in desginated places. Boats docked, moored or beached in unauthorized places, or overtime, are subject to tow-in, with penalty.

7. Swimming is permitted only at beach and then only when guard on duty. Beach closes at sundown.

8. Picnicking only at designated public use areas.

9. Hunting and fishing permited in accordance with State and Federal laws, except in posted areas. No fishing from public docks or beach.

10. You are requested not to make unauthorized entry on posted "Permit" installations. (See Page 1.)

FACILITIES AVAILABLE
Summer of 1955

(Other facilities will be added as funds become available)

FOREST RECREATION AREA:
- Picnicking: Ovens and tables
- Children's Playground
- Athletic Field
- Food Concession
- Parking Lots
- Trails
- Toilets
- Drinking water

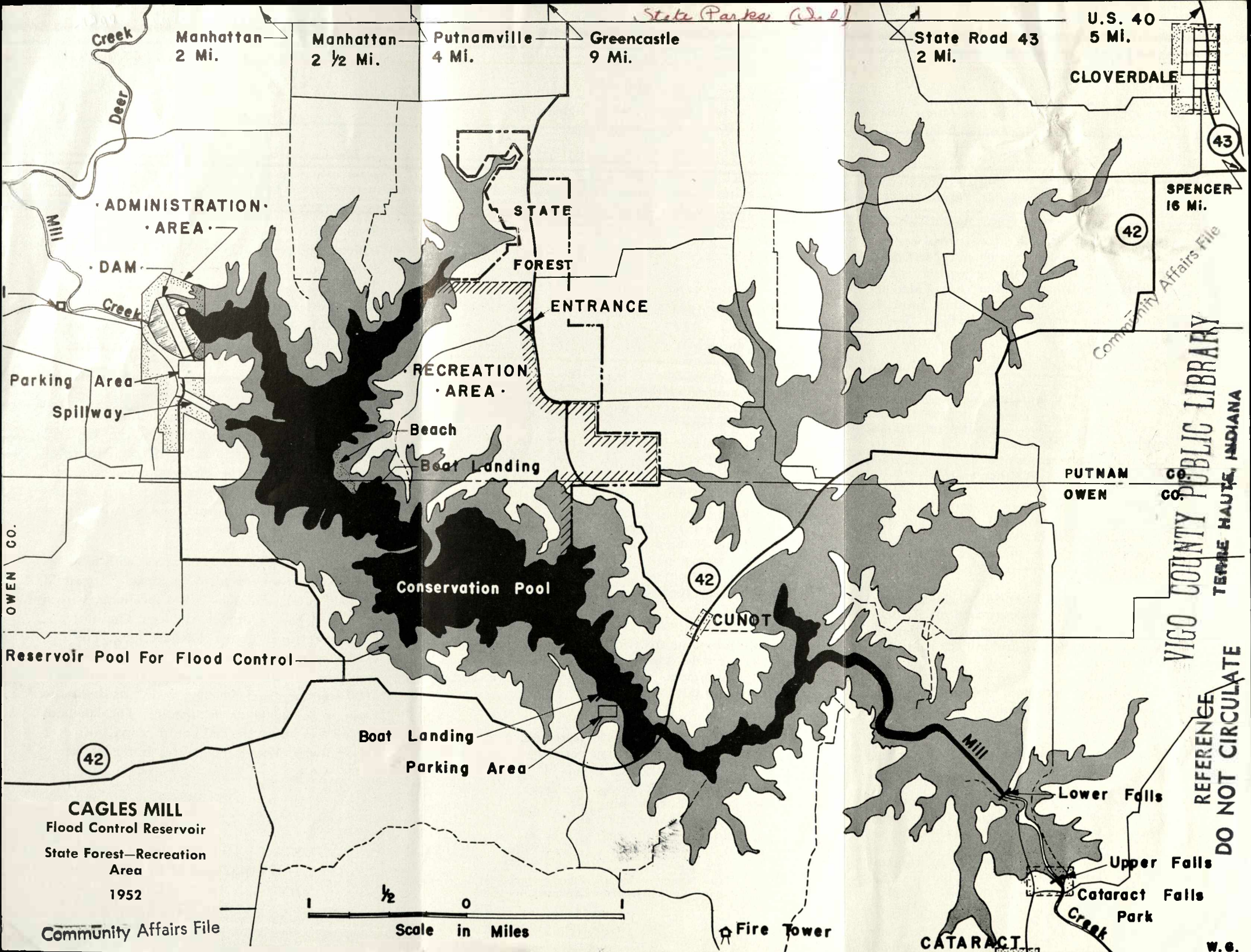
HULMAN BEACH
- Toilets
- Bathhouse
- Food Concession
- Bait Concession
- Boat and motor rentals
- Boat rides, Boat taxi service
- Parking Lots
- Private boat launching
- Picnicking
- Oil and gas for boats

CUNOT DOCKS:
- Parking Lots
- Private Boat launching
- Boat and Motor Rentals; Boat rides
- Food concession
- Bait concession
- Oil and gas for boats
- Toilets

The following are available at Cunot, Cataract and Cloverdale: Limited over-night accommodations, restaurants, groceries, boat service and parts, sports equipment.

Fees: Entrance to Forest Recreation Area (Including beach and parking)
10c per car; 12c per person
Bathhouse 25c; Swimming free
Cunot Docks parking 50c
Launching service 25c up
(No charge to launch own boat)

Map courtesy of Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission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Manhattan
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Putnamville
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Greencastle
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State Road 43
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U.S. 40
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